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P.O. Box 2151
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Re: Return of Invalid Surety Bond. _____ Cominco American Incorporated, Apex Mine.
M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

Dear Ms. Holt:

Thank you for submitting the second original of surety bond _____ which we received February 24, 1997. The surety bond was posted on behalf of Cominco American Incorporated, for their Apex Mine located in Washington County, Utah.

We have enclosed the "photocopy" of the original surety bond which we received February 18, 1997. This copy can be disposed of, as we now have the original copy on file. This form of surety was presented to and approved by our Board of Oil, Gas and Mining on February 26, 1997.

Thank you for your diligence and help in finalizing this permitting action.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: photocopy of surety bond
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